

incorporating into said preparation for the purpose of rendering said preparation non-tacky an effective amount therefor of one or more phospholipids. --

--13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 1,000,000 and a degree of deacylation of > 25%. --

--14. The method according to claim 12, wherein the phospholipid is a lecithin. --

--15. The method according to claim 12, wherein the preparation is an oil-in-water emulsion. --

REMARKS

At the time that prosecution was terminated in the parent, only claims 4-7 were pending, and these claims were rejected under various grounds. In the Advisory Action dated March 8, 2001, the Examiner drew a distinction between "reducing the tackiness," which appears in claims 4-7, and "non-tacky," which appeared in original claim 2. Claims 12-15 use the phrase "non-tacky" instead of the phrase "reducing the tackiness."

Claims 4-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In